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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

REF: A. STATE 7460 B. JERUSALEM 55

1. COPY JERUSALEM 55 SENT TO SCOTES IN DAMASCUS BY
COURIER MID-FTERNOON JANUARY 13.

2. SARG HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE AS
OUTLINED PARA 1, JERUSALEM 55. ALSO, PROPOSED TEXT AND TIMING
OF ANNOUCEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. SCOTES DOES NOT
YET HAVE ANSWER ON PROPOSED ANSWER TO QUERIES DISCUSSED
PARA 2, JERUSALEM 55.

3. SARG HAS PRESENTED SCOTES WITH FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHO WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY?

B. WHO WILL STAY AT AIRPORT?

C. WHO WISHES TOUR CITY?

D. WHO WILL ATTEND OFFICIAL LUNCHEON?

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E. SHOULD THEY PREPARE LUNCH FOR OTHERS? IN THIS REGARD, SCOTES

REPORTS THAT SARG MENTIONED NO ONE ATTENDED LUNCH PREPARED DURING LAST STAY. THEY ARE WILLING TO PREPARE LUNCH THIS TIME, BUT HEUTATE TO DO SO UNLESS CONFIRMATION GIVEN THAT IT IS WANTED.

4.SARG WOULD PREFER THEIR BEING PROVIDED WITH CAR ASSIGNMENTS BASED ON PRECEDENCE LIST WHICH IS NOT YET AVAILABLE BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS. IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL SIMPLY PROVIDE DAMASCUS VIA BEIRUT WITH TELEGRAM MAKING CAR ASSIGNMENTS WHICH IN TURN COULD BE FOLLOWED BY SARG. AS FAR AS SPACE IN CARS CONCERNED, SUGGEST ESTIMATE ON BASIS EXPERIENCE LAST VISIT.

5. SCOTES REPORTS SYRIANS HAVE BEEN MORE THAN COOPERATIVE. IT HAS SIMPLY TAKEN TIME TT DISCUSS AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON SOME OF THE PROBWEMS RAISED.
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